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Minutes of the City and County of Honolulu
2011 COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 13, 2011
4:00 p.m.
Council Committee Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Honolulu Hale

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission was called to order by Chair Albi Mateo at 4:02 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT

Bernice Mau, City Clerk
Glen Takahashi, Elections Administrator
Chadd Kadota, Assistant Administrator
Ciress Cuevo, Elections Specialist
Nalie Felix, Senior Elections Clerk
Allie Roe, Senior Elections Clerk

Dawn Spurlin, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Diane Kawauchi, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Commissioners present: Mateo, Funakoshi, Kido, Komatsubara, Monis, Montes, Okubo, Park – 8

Commissioners absent: Gaulty – 1

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kido moved to discuss the minutes of the June 29, 2011 meeting and Commissioner Funakoshi seconded the motion. There being no objections, the item was open for discussion. No comments were provided. Chair Mateo announced that further review and approval of the minutes will occur at the next meeting.

IV. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON REDISTRICTING LEGAL ISSUES/GUIDELINES

Mr. Krishna Jayaram, Deputy Corporation Counsel, provided a presentation on redistricting law.

The Commission discussed the 10% deviation standard as the threshold for prima facie discrimination. Deputy Corporation Counsel advised the Commission to try and keep any deviation under 10% and to follow the City Charter guidelines for reapportionment. Mr. Jayaram also explained that a court could find a plan with a greater than 10% deviation valid and lawful but the City would bear a greater burden in such a case.

To address the questions that arose from State Reapportionment Commission's decision to include non-residents in the base population, Mr. Jayaram opined that the City Reapportionment Commission is not bound by that decision.

Chair Mateo called for a recess at 4:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

V. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING ON REDISTRICTING TECHNICAL OPERATIONS

Mr. Royce Jones, from the Environmental Systems Research Inc. (ERSI), the company that provides redistricting software and technical assistance to the City, provided a presentation on the technical operations of redistricting.

Mr. Jones explained that ArcGIS software is the core software used throughout the City and AutoBound is a specific product that sits on ArcGIS software. This program has been used in the past and is available at the City Clerk's office for the Commission use.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Commission Rules

Ms. Lynne Matusow and Ms. Shannon Wood provided testimony concerning Rule No. 2 of the 2011 Commission Rules governing public testimony. Ms. Matusow recommended that language be changed to conform to the requirements of the Sunshine Law.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Timetable/Agenda Items For Next Meeting

Mr. Clifton Takamura provided testimony. Ms. Wood provided testimony regarding military and incumbent council members that could be affected by the new council district. Ms. Wood also suggested to coordinate reapportionment meetings with the State Reapportionment Commission to avoid conflicts. Mr. Philmund Lee provided testimony recommending reapportionment based on population projections in between the then year census period based on past growth and anticipated lands.

After discussion, the agenda for the July 27th meeting would include the Commission Rules, plan criteria, data definition and assumptions.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission Website

It was moved by Commissioner Kido and seconded by Commissioner Komatsubara to activate the website. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Komatsubara and seconded by Commissioner Kido to adjourn the meeting. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: August 24, 2011